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**UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SECURITY COMMITTEE**

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25 March 1975

Minutes
One Hundred Seventieth Meeting
Tuesday, 18 March 1975, 1000 to 1230 Hours
Room 6E-0708, CIA Headquarters



Chairman
Presiding

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MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

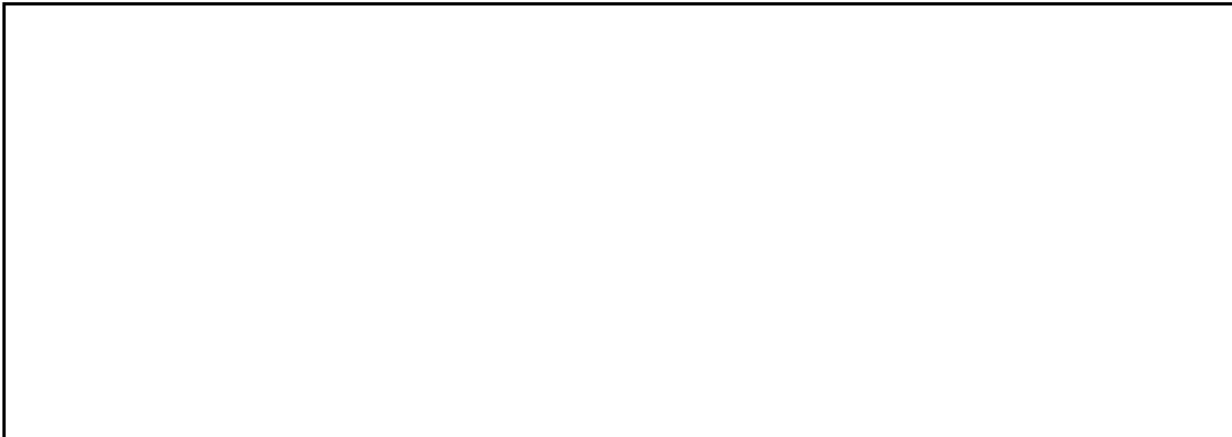


ALSO PRESENT



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Preliminary Comments

25X1 [] The Chairman made the following comments related to topics of general interest to the members.

FOIA

25X1 [] The Chairman informed members that the proposed USIB Information Notice on FOIA had received divergent views in the coordination process. In view of subsequent events and the passage of time it now seems that the idea should be set aside. Accordingly, there will be no USIB Information Notice on FOIA.

25X1 [] A recent request for a list of community FOI Coordinators surfaced the fact that no such list was available. It appears that the Committee can perform a service of common concern in this regard by publishing such a list for use as desired by members of the community. It was agreed that Committee members would provide the Secretary with names, addresses and telephone numbers by 21 March 1975, and that the Secretary would compile and distribute the list.

Ad Hoc Group of USIB on Congressional Review

25X1 [] The Chairman mentioned that [] Ad Hoc Group on Congressional Review continues to meet on a weekly basis. From the meetings, which the Chairman, Security Committee attends, it was learned that Senator Church had expressed appreciation to the DCI for the security guides and had said that he will follow them to the letter. The Senate Select Committee has not yet made a determination on the form and content of the secrecy agreement to be adopted and employed with Committee staff personnel. 25X1

25X1 [] As has been previously mentioned, the FBI has been conducting background investigations on staff personnel. The CIA member informed that a letter had recently been forwarded to Senator Church on the handling of clearances. It was proposed that the Select Committee satisfy itself as to the clearability of staff

personnel based on consideration of the background investigation. The Chairman of the Select Committee will then distribute a list of staff personnel being certified as TOP SECRET cleared. In connection with compartmentation clearances, much the same process has been proposed. The Chairman has been requested to hold to a minimum those nominated for special access. Those individuals certified by the Chairman as meeting personnel security requirements of DCID 1/14 will be approved for access and will be listed in the central registry of the Compartmented Information Branch (CIB) of the CIA. In this way member agencies can check with CIB through normal procedures to determine the access approvals held by staff members of the Senate Select Committee. No answer has been received to the letter of proposal but informal indications are that the procedures are acceptable.

(C) Senator Tower has requested the FBI to conduct technical sweeps of his office in view of the sensitive conversations being held there in connection with the investigation.

Meeting with Security Officer of Senate Select Committee

(U) The Chairman, Security Committee, informed that he and the CIA member met with Mr. Benjamin C. Marshall, Security Officer for the Senate Select Committee. Both were impressed with Mr. Marshall's proposed security plans. [] CIA member, mentioned that Mr. Marshall has subsequently visited the CIA and reviewed various security equipment available in the GSA Schedule which may be of use to him.

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(U) [] proposed and members agreed to a special meeting of the Security Committee on 25 March 1975 to meet with Mr. Marshall.

1. Approval of Minutes

(U) There being no changes or comments made by members, the minutes of the 169th meeting of the Security Committee were approved.

2. Report of Chairmen of Subcommittees and Working Groups

25X1 [] The Chairman of the Security Committee mentioned that reports had been left optional at this meeting in view of other items on the agenda but that Chairmen were welcomed to make any report they desired.

25X1 [] Chairman, TSCS, invited members to attend the TSCS meeting scheduled for 1000 hours, 21 March 1975, in room 6E-0708, CIA Headquarters, to hear a briefing by NSA representatives on telephone security. The Chairman, TSCS, also mentioned that he had copies of reports prepared for the Department of State on bomb protection in satisfaction of a request by a Committee members for information on this matter ("Concealed Explosives Detection by Means [] June 1974," and "Exploratory Survey of Techniques for Detecting Letter and Package Bombs, August 1973.") Copies of these reports were distributed to members at the meeting.

25X1 [] The Chairman, Compartmentation Subcommittee, reported that this Subcommittee continued to address a review of DCID 1/14. Various differences among members have been surfaced and will have to be resolved. A status report of progress will be made to the Security Committee at its April meeting.

25X1 [] informed members that he had attended the 17 March 1975 meeting of the Compartmentation Subcommittee. He was impressed with the level of participation of all members and noted that representatives of the DoD had been invited and took an active part in the proceedings. [] expressed his appreciation to the Chairman and all members and commended them on their attention and eagerness on this difficult task. 25X1

25X1 [] Chairman, Computer-Assisted Compartmentation Control System Working Group, reported that computer specialists in CIA had indicated that they would complete their cost analysis of the user requirements paper submitted to them last month. Various alternatives will be included in the cost analysis. An independent cost analysis on the same user requirements paper is being conducted within DIA and is expected by the end of the week. These analyses will be reviewed by the Working Group. If the costs

appear reasonable, the Working Group will submit their recommendations to the Security Committee. If the proposal seems too expensive, the Working Group will attempt to trim their proposals. A report will be submitted to the Security Committee at its April meeting.

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☐ The Chairman, Security Committee, expressed the opinion that this study should be carefully reviewed by the members. If it appeared to offer benefit to the community at a reasonable cost, it should be given favorable consideration. However, the proposal should be viewed with an open mind.

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☐ The Chairman, Security Committee, addressed a few remarks to the status of DCID 1/16. This DCID has been provided to the Committee members for coordination. Not all comments or concurrences have been received. There is indication of concern within both NSA and CIA. At the request of the Chairman, Computer Security Subcommittee, those comments received from members by the Secretary have been provided to him for collation and summary report to the Chairman, Security Committee. Members are requested to expedite their coordination efforts within respective departments and agencies to permit an early presentation to the USIB.

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3. ☐ Discussion of Proposed Revision of DCID 1/7, "Control of Dissemination of Intelligence"

The Chairman distributed to all members on 5 March 1975 (SECOM -D-44) a report from the Chairman, Compartmentation Subcommittee, enclosing the recommended revision of DCID 1/7. It was noted that there were two unresolved issues requiring resolution by the Security Committee; all other contents being concurred to by the Subcommittee membership. These were:

- (a) DIA's suggestion to eliminate certain marking,
- (b) Rejection by DIA, NSA and the military services of a provision which would restrict dissemination of some intelligence to full-time Federal employees and active duty military personnel.

The Chairman led a discussion following the lines of these two exceptions to agreement.

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The DIA member presented a strong argument against the use of some markings. His reasoning was premised on concern that markings were used unjudiciously, they increased the problems of production personnel and were incongruous with the desire to provide controlled relief to the third agency rule. It was the opinion of the DIA member that the Director, DIA, can judge the propriety of need-to-know and requirements for protection. He proposed that reports of such a sensitivity to require additional markings should be placed in the "Eyes Only" or other specified limited distribution categories. The DIA member distributed copies of a memorandum for the Chairman, Security Committee, on this matter dated 18 March, 1975, Subject: Revision of DCID 1/7, "Control of Dissemination of Foreign Intelligence."

While there was no agreement on the overall DIA suggestion, there was a general consensus of opinion against the use of report forms bearing preprinted dissemination caveats and a strong expression that markings be used judiciously and only on those documents where absolutely necessary. Revision in the wording of the draft DCID was suggested to reflect this consensus.

The provision which prohibits dissemination to and access by military reservists was also discussed. There was general agreement among NSA, DIA and the military services that such a restriction on access would be a serious impairment to them in view of the expanding use of military reservists in the intelligence community.

[redacted] who addressed the members, feels that retention of the provision is essential to the continuing cooperation of the many private individuals who are providing essential intelligence with the understanding that it will be handled under procedures to ensure that it will not be used to their detriment.

[redacted] informed that while he desired to provide means for the greatest possible dissemination of intelligence concern with source protection precluded endorsement of the proposal to eliminate this provision. As an alternative to retention of the provision, he saw the possibility that current dissemination practices would require review.

The Chairman summarized the discussion and, with approval of members, remanded the draft of DCID 1/7 to the Chairman, Compartmentation Subcommittee, for further attention based upon the discussions and proposals made at the meeting.

4. Discussion of Proposed Tasking of R&D Group

25X1 ☐ The Chairman noted a paper submitted by the Navy member in response to his request for suggestions on tasking the R&D Group. In the absence of the Chairman of the R&D Working Group, the Chairman proposed and members agreed that the paper be made available to the R&D Group for review and comment before it be discussed at the Security Committee. The Chairman requested ☐ to handle this at an early meeting of the TSCS. 25X1

25X1 ☐ The Chairman also noted that DIA's request on an update of the Federal Specification on Alarms had been tasked to the R&D Group.

5. New Business

25X1 ☐ There was no response to the Chairman's invitation to members to bring up new business.

6. Next Meeting

25X1 ☐ A special meeting of the Security Committee to meet with Mr. Benjamin C. Marhsall, Security Officer, Senate Select Committee, was scheduled for 1000 hours, 25 March 1975, Room 6E0708 CIA Hqs.

(U) The next regular meeting of the Security Committee was scheduled for 1000 hours, 15 April 1975, Room 6E0708 CIA Hqs.

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Executive Secretary 25X1